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Ms. Friedland,

Thanks for the link to the more recent study. I will pass it along to Professor Stack. The reason for the 1999 request was to verify a statement made within it, not to rely on it as the current state of research.

Regards,

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Dear Mr. Sowards,

The July 1999 paper "Property Values, Stigma, and Superfund" discusses the effects of Superfund sites on property values, based on anecdotal evidence and academic papers that are over 14 years old. After the 1999 paper, EPA decided to pursue a broader assessment of the potential benefits of the Superfund program and presented them in the 2011 paper

*Beneficial Effects of the Superfund Program* available at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/accomp/pdfs/SFBenefits-031011-Ver1.pdf>. While the 2011 paper discusses property values, it also presents information on human health benefits, ecological benefits, community impacts, reduction of harm in emergency situations and other less tangible benefits.

Melissa Friedland

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